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1. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Mr. Bruce Merkle, Administrative Assistant to Representative William G. Bray (R., Ind.), concerning Mr. Bray's trip to Europe. Mr. Merkle evidenced some surprise that Mr. Bray had not mentioned his destination in conversations with me yesterday and Friday but noted that since it was purely a personal vacation and "getaway" trip for Representative Bray and his wife, that Mr. Bray may have felt that we did not want to be bothered with his personal affairs. Representative and Mrs. Bray left last evening from Dulles and are travelling to London, Rome, Tunis (for an educational visit to Carthage), and Madrid with a side visit to meet with friends in Madeira. They will be returning on 4 February. Mr. Merkle seemed certain that in keeping with Mr. Bray's past habits, he would be making very few, if any, official contacts during the trip and would not be requesting assistance of any kind from the Agency. Africa Division and the Office of DD/P have been advised.

2. (Secret - JGO) [redacted] C/FE, accompanied by Messrs. [redacted] met with Mr. William Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, as a follow-up to the briefing provided at the Headquarters on 18 December 1968. The briefing was an overview of the current situation in the Far East with some emphasis on the Philippines, [redacted] Korea, Vietnam, Laos, and was well received by both Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Michaels. [redacted] coverage of material of particular interest to both Messrs. Michaels and Woodruff on the various countries left very few questions for discussion at the conclusion of the 50 minute briefing.

Mr. Michaels noted, in passing, after the meeting that he does not at this time foresee the requirement by the Chairman for meeting with the Director before the first of the month.

3. (Internal Use Only - CEA) Delivered a letter from Admiral Taylor to J. R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee.

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25X1A 4. (Internal Use Only - CEA) Checked with Mr. Garner J. Cline, Counsel, House Immigration and Nationality Subcommittee, on [redacted]

[redacted] These bills have not yet been printed but Cline will keep me informed when they are due to appear on the agenda.

25X1A 5. (Confidential - GLC) Judith Spahr, on the staff of Senator Henry Jackson's (D., Wash.) Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called and said Dorothy Fosdick would like us to translate all of the pages of the Soviet Diplomatic Dictionary, which she had previously forwarded to us for review. I told her we would be pleased to do this and [redacted] DDI, is attending to it.

6. (Unclassified - GLC) Miss Marihelen Horneman, secretary to Senator Allen Ellender (D., La.), called to say that the Senator's schedule was fairly light on Friday and she suggested the possibility of a 2:30 p. m. meeting. I told Miss Horneman I would check on this and be back in touch with her.

7. (Secret - GLC) Talked with Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, regarding the extent of Senator Russell's interest in talking with the Director about the Pueblo. Woodruff said that the Senator had not given him any indication that he wanted anything from the Director at this time. However, it is Woodruff's assumption that, at some time in the future, the Chairman will want to talk with the Director about this and the project involved in our withdrawal from reserve letter of 23 December 1968. (See Memorandum for the Record for details.)

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STATSPEC I gave to Woodruff an [redacted] item containing a Pravda commentary on Senator Russell's reference to Adam and Eve in a nuclear holocaust in the secret Senate debate on the Sentinel program. This is the second such Moscow press item that we have given to Woodruff on this.

25X1A I mentioned to Woodruff the nomination of [redacted] as a 25X1A candidate for the Arthur Fleming Award. I called particular attention to the fact that [redacted] are long time residents of the state 25X1A of Georgia. Woodruff appreciated my calling this to his attention.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with William Woodruff, of the Senate Appropriations Committee staff, regarding the Pueblo

1. In a conversation with William Woodruff today, I sought to clarify some comments which he had made to Mr. Maury and me yesterday regarding Senator Russell's deep interest in the Pueblo matter and Woodruff's statement that Senator Russell would undoubtedly want to talk with Mr. Helms about his role as DCI in matters of this sort.

2. Mr. Woodruff said that he has received no indication from Senator Russell that he wants anything from the Director on this, however, Woodruff assumes, since Senator Russell is deeply interested and concerned about the Pueblo problem, he will at some time in the future want to discuss this with the Director, not so much in terms of any Agency responsibility with the Pueblo but rather to have a better understanding of how operations of this sort are handled generally. This feeling of Woodruff's is based

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3. In summary, these expressions from Woodruff are his speculation as to what Senator Russell will want rather than any reflection through Woodruff of the Senator's own views. There is a clear understanding between Woodruff and myself that if Senator Russell desires anything from the Director, in connection with the Pueblo or in that matter on any other subject, Woodruff would let us know immediately.

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